

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method of inducing an antigenic response in a subject which comprises administering to the subject ~~the polypeptide of claim 10a~~ a purified polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:9.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is administered in the form of a host cell that expresses the polypeptide.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the host cell is a bacterial strain.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the bacterial strain is attenuated or the bacterial strain is killed after the polypeptide is expressed.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is administered to the subject in the form of a food or a drink.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the drink is a carbonated beverage.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is orally administered.

23-31. (Canceled)